

Checklist for Interdisciplinary Review of Categorical Exclusions

Document Title: Sheep Canyon Grazing Preference Transfer #51330

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Critical Elements and Other Issues	Specialists	Affected		Comments		Document Review Signature	Date
		Yes	No	Yes	No		
1. NRHPP/Cultural	Dan McGrew		✓		✓		11/4/15
2. T&E Species	Jeff Conn		✓		✓		11/9/15
3. Floodplains/Wetlands	Amelia Underwood		✓		✓		11/4/15
4. Invasive Species	Jason Martin		✓		✓		11/4/15
5. NEPA Map	Sharisse Fisher		✓		✓		11/5/15

Attachments:

Planning and Environmental Coordinator:  Date: 11/10/15

 Date: 11/10/15

Authorized Officer - Reviewed/Recommended

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NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX)
Safford Field Office

NEPA #: DOI-BLM-AZ-G010-2016-0005-CX

Serial/Case File No. Grazing allotment Sheep Canyon (#51330)

Proposed Action Title/Type: The proposed action is the transfer of grazing preference on the Sheep Canyon Allotment.

Location of Proposed Action (include name of 7.5 topographic map): The Sheep Canyon allotment is located in the central portion of Cochise County, approximately 5 miles south of Bowie, AZ, and is on the east aspect of the Dos Cabezas Mountains. Topography is characterized by high mountains and small valleys.

Description of Proposed Action: Transfer the existing grazing preference from the current permittee Hugh Peterson to Matt Klump. All terms and conditions of the permit would remain the same.

Applicant (if any): Matt Klump

PART I: PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW. This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan: Safford District Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Record of Decision approved September 1992 and July 1994.

The proposed action has been reviewed and determined to be in conformance with this plan [43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1601.04(C)(2)].



Specialist Signature



Date

PART II: CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEWNEPA #: DOI-BLM-AZ-G010-2016-0005-CX**ASSIGNMENT AND REVIEW**Subactivity: _____
Case/Project No.: 05133Project Name: Sheep Canyon Allotment Transfer

Location (legal description): T 14S , R. 28E W. Sec. 15-25

NLCS Unit: _____

Quad Name: Bowie Mountain NorthProject Lead: RJ EstesDraft Review: Unit Manager/Supervisor: RJ EstesDate: 11/10/2015

Technical Review:

Applies?	NAME	EXCEPTION	SIGNATURE	DATE
Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RJ Estes	(1) Have Significant adverse effects on public health or safety?	<u>RJ Estes</u>	<u>11/3/15</u>
() (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	<u>TM</u>	(2) Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains or ecologically significant or critical areas including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks.	<u>TM</u>	<u>11/5/15</u>
() (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	<u>AU</u>	(3) Have highly controversial environmental effects	<u>AU</u>	<u>11/4/15</u>
() (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	<u>AU</u>	(4) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	<u>AU</u>	<u>11/4/15</u>
() (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	<u>AU</u>	(5) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	<u>AU</u>	<u>11/4/15</u>
() (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	<u>AU</u>	(6) Individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant effects.	<u>AU</u>	<u>11/4/15</u>
() (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	Dan McGrew	(7) Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.	<u>Dan McGrew</u>	<u>11/4/15</u>
() (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	Jeff Conn	(8) Have adverse effects on species listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	<u>Jeff Conn</u>	<u>11/4/15</u>
() (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	Dan McGrew	(9) Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	<u>Dan McGrew</u>	<u>11/4/15</u>
() (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	Jason Martin	(10) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations.	<u>Jason Martin</u>	<u>11/4/15</u>
() (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	Dan McGrew	(11) Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners.	<u>Dan McGrew</u>	<u>11/4/15</u>
() (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	Jason Martin	(12) Contribute to the introduction, continuation existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species.	<u>Jason Martin</u>	<u>11/4/15</u>

Final Review:

Environmental Coordinator: Amy CorathDate: 11/10/15

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with 516 DM 11, 11.9, D (1): Rangeland Management-Approval of transfers of grazing preference.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. It has been reviewed to determine if any of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

The action does not have significant adverse effects on public health and safety nor does the action adversely affect such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks. The action does not have highly controversial environmental effects nor have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risk nor does it adversely affect a species listed or proposed to be listed on the list of endangered or threatened species. It does not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about a future consideration with significant environmental effects or related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. The proposed action does not adversely affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment or which require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

Mitigation Measures/Stipulations:

No mitigation measures or stipulations are warranted in this transfer.

Part III: Decision. I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed action does not conflict with major land-use-plans and will not have any major adverse impacts on other resources. Therefore, it does not represent an exception, and is categorically excluded from further environmental review. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures attached.

Authorized Official: _____



Date: _____

11/10/15

